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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 952
By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Al Cardiel on
being named the 2002 Athletic Director of the
Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable person is Mr. Al Cardiel, who has selflessly served the
people of Sevier County in numerous capacities in the fields of education and athletics; and

WHEREAS, due to his meritorious service as Athletic Director of Sevier County High
School, Mr. Cardiel was recently named the 2002 Athletic Director of the Year by the THSAAA;
and

WHEREAS, a committed educator, Mr. Cardiel earned a Bachelor's Degree from
Tennessee Technological University and after four years of dedicated service to the United
States Army, he also earned a Master's Degree from Tennessee Technological University; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cardiel has diligently served his community through his exemplary service with Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, in his thirteenth year as an educator Mr. Cardiel has served with distinction as a teacher, coach and administrator; he has expertly coached numerous athletic teams, including football, track, basketball and cross-country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardiel currently serves as the Athletic Director of Sevier County High School, in which position he has displayed tremendous leadership abilities; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Athletic Director, Sevier County High School's athletic programs and facilities have prospered and expanded significantly; and

WHEREAS, he has effected vital improvements in the school's soccer, football and baseball programs, and he has assisted the school's other sports in becoming self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, Sevier County High School has reaped the benefits of Mr. Cardiel's expert direction, winning the 1999 5A State Championship in football and the 2002 3A State Championship in girls basketball; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable character, Al Cardiel has earned the respect of his peers and his students and their parents alike for his exemplary commitment to serving the young people of his community through the provision of quality education; and

WHEREAS, despite a highly successful and demanding career, Al Cardiel has remained committed to the time-honored values of family and community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardiel has served the people of Sevier County with distinction, not only as an educator, but also as a community leader, mentor, neighbor, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Al Cardiel epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Al Cardiel for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Mr. Al Cardiel for his meritorious service as an educator and as Athletic Director at Sevier County High School and congratulate to him on being named the 2002 Athletic Director of the Year by the THSAAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.